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AN OBJECT LESSON IN FINANCE.

We ask the reader's careful attention to the article which we reproduce today from the Atlanta Constitution entitled "The Gold Standard and its Twin." It presents a very striking and conclusive illustration of the effect of the several steps in the contraction of the currency which have just culminated in the adoption of the gold standard. The whole procedure, from 1873 to the present time, has been marked by flagrant and far-reaching dishonesty, which its promoters sought to hide behind charges of dishonesty against its victims.

It is probable that they will no longer be able to deceive the people by their assaults on Bryanism, the one principle which can save their prey from the evils of a dishonest money standard.

De Armond Arraigns the Republicans.

Mr. De Armond, of Missouri, in the course of his eloquent speech in opposition to the gold standard bill, said, addressing the Republicans:

"You carried the election of 1896, not because you overbore us in the conflict of reason, not because you appealed to loftier sentiments of American manhood, or assured an expectant American public, looking only for what was right and just, that your policies were sounder and would bring more in fruition than ours, but because you had the corrupt and tremendous power of money, which you used unsparingly, and because you had the vast power of numerous corporations holding in control the destinies of thousands, aye, of millions, of toilers and used that power without mercy. These powers, massed and gathered, won your victory of 1896, won it against a man who received in that election over a million votes more than were ever cast for anyone who battled in all the years past under the same standard that he bore. [Applause on the Democratic side.]

Say what you can in glorification of that victory. If you are proud of it, we are doubly proud of the noble fight that we gave you, clean from start to finish. We were overborne, but we were not overbone in the field of logic. We were not overborne in the forum of morals. We were not carried down because you were right and because we were wrong, but because you summoned to your aid agencies mightier for the time being than the will of the unpurchased and the unpurchasable American citizens in opposition to you. [Applause on the Democratic side.]

"You may think that everything is bright for you. You may think that 1900 can have no fears for you; that the battle is already won. But recollect that the approval of those who can be bought by partial legislation may not compensate you for the loss of others who have followed your standard from a devotion to principle which they thought you shared with them and who will not follow you when convinced that these principles no longer animate you, if they ever did. [Renewed applause on the Democratic side.]

"Do not count too securely upon the result in 1900. Recollect there will be gathered against you then men not drawn together under 'orders,' but coming as volunteers; men battling for homes and principle and liberty; men waging the fight that was waged in this country more than once in the century past; men standing upon principles proclaimed, defended, and illustrated by the bravest and best Americans that ever trod American soil. They will be there as volunteers; they will come from the farms and the shops, from the hills and from the valleys; and it will be a mighty host. Against them you may throw successfully your cohorts purchased by payment actually made and promises of things to be done, and then again you may not.

"I have great reliance in American manhood when once aroused. Do not think that this defiance of their rights, this throwing to the winds of your own promises and your own professions, this legislation for classes against the masses, this iniquitous measure, will go unchallenged. Money again will be talked about at the fireside. Men will be gathered upon the street corners again. Again the plain people will be found in conversation, in discussion; and these little groups, let me warn you, will assemble East and West and North and South, and great meetings will grow from them! and they will not assemble to praise or thank you.

"All the help you can get from corporations, with all the power of the money which you give them out of the people's purse, expecting that a goodly portion of it will be used for your benefit—all this superadded may not be enough. We will appeal to American manhood, to American patriotism. We will have again abroad in this land a spirit of inquiry and earnest discussion. Do not flatter yourselves that when the great conflict of 1900 is on we shall not be heard from; and let me warn you that when the battle is fought and the victory won it may not be necessary to go to the White House or to the 'vine-clad cottage' at Canton, Ohio, with congratulations, but across the mighty Mississippi and over the prairies of the great West to a modest little home in Lincoln, Nebraska. [Great applause on the Democratic side.]"

Sixty Men Entombed.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Brownsville, Pa., December 23.—By an explosion at the Baseneil coal works, four miles from here, sixty men are reported entombed; messengers have been sent for doctors.

Word came later from Brazenel by train that only one man had come out of the mine. Men could be heard talking at the bottom of the shaft. The mine boss went down, but had not returned when the news was sent. It is supposed that he and the men were overcome by the after damp. Miners are surrounding the mines and flocking to the scene to assist in the rescue.

General Buller Struck.

By cable to the Observer.

Chievely, December 23rd.—General Buller had a narrow escape from death Friday. A spent bullet from a shrapnel shell cut through the skin on his side.

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The Gold Standard and its Twin.

Atlanta Constitution.

When the measure embodying the gold standard was adopted by the house, the republicans greeted the result with cheers. On the other hand Wall street responded with a money crisis as severe as any the street ever saw. If the republican party had pressed an electric button connected with a deposit of dynamite in Wall street, the explosion would not have destroyed more values.

But for the concerted action of the banks in coming forward with relief at the last moment the panic would have been worse than that of 1893. The men who sent out the news from Wall street didn't pretend to conceal the cause of the panic. It was "the imperative need of money developed by the violent contraction in values."

Look at the history of our more recent panics. Though the demonetization of silver in 1873 was surreptitious so far as the public was concerned, it was no secret to the leading bankers. As soon as it was accomplished, there was a contraction of values, and the result of that contraction is known as the panic of 1873. In 1893, the Indian mint was closed to silver; there was another contraction in values, and the result was the awful panic from which the country is just emerging. On December 18, 1899, the republicans passed in the house a currency bill embodying the single gold standard as the unit and measure of value. As a crash of thunder follows the lightning stroke, a panic developed in Wall street, values were violently contracted, and millions of dollars' worth of property was sacrificed. Money went as high as 186, a rate that means something more than ruin for those who were compelled to pay it. It means the sacrifice of values that have been held by those who never enter the street.

Now we ask any candid reader if these events are mere coincidences. If the contraction of values had happened only once—say in 1873—it might be regarded as a coincidence; but in point of fact, every step in legislation in the direction of the gold standard has been followed by wreck and ruin. We had hoped that the new legislation in favor of the gold standard had already been discounted by the tremendous sacrifices made in Wall street prior to the panic of Monday; we had regarded the slow liquidation that has been taking place in the street—the Coxey yell for more money and the clamor of the operators and speculators—as a movement calculated to prepare investors and capitalists for the legislation that has been so freely advertised; but now, as in 1873, and in 1893, all the business sagacity of the country invariably fails to discount the drastic effects of the gold standard to which the republican party has at last fully committed itself.

It is curious, too, that in 1899, as in 1893, the collapse of a trust followed the contraction of values and made the conditions of the panic more far-reaching than it would otherwise have been. In 1893, it was the Cordage trust that headed the list of failures. In 1899, it is the Produce Exchange Trust, a firm that seems to have had about it all the elements of success.

We have referred on former occasions to the Coxey yell in Wall street for more money, and have made it the text for remarks intended to call the attention of financiers to the fact that the demand for money among the people is just as important to their interests as the demand for more money in Wall street. We did not call attention to the fact that Wall street's demand, which has been growing more insistent for some time, was the result of a contraction of values in anticipation of legislation in behalf of the gold standard, for such talk as that would come under the head of "calamity howling." Yet a prominent business man of Atlanta, who keeps tab on the daily transactions in Wall street, gives it as his deliberate opinion that the losses in that center during the past thirty days, as the result of the stringency in money, will amount to $500,000,000.

Now, there may be no "calamity" in all this, and we do not insist on it, but the situation shows that there is a fly in the ointment somewhere. We think that all reasoning men will admit that the contraction of values and the resulting crash which follows every effort to deify the gold standard in legislation are something more than mere coincidences. Such a coincidence might happen once, but the second time suspicion will be aroused, and the third time all sensible men will perceive effect following a cause.

Thus while the republicans in the house were applauding the success with which they had carried out the dictates of the money power, the business men of Wall street and the various interests connected with them were witnessing the wanton sacrifice of values in their holdings. The most substantial forms of property fell a victim to the contraction. Cotton went down perpendicularly and dividend paying stocks fell with a rush. And at last the panic was only stopped by the clearing house banks which rushed in with a sop of $10,000,000.

Such is the immediate response to currency legislation and the adoption of the gold standard by the republican house of representatives. What shape the crisis will take we do not care to predict, but it must be obvious to all thinking men that the support given by the banks at the close of business Monday is but a makeshift, and it must be equally obvious that temporary means are inadequate to relieve a situation which is caused by legislation in behalf of one particular class.

In conclusion, we may add that the Coxey yell for more money has never, in any part of the republic, been as shrill, as keen and as despairing as that which resounded in Wall street day before yesterday. We are brought once more face to face with the fact that the gold standard and panic conditions are twins.

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BRAVE LAWTON'S END.

General Lawton was standing in front of his troops, when he was shot in the breast and died almost immediately.

A fight was in progress and the General was walking along the firing line in a driving rain. He was within 300 yards of a small sharpshooters' trench. He was conspicuous in the big white helmet he always wore in Luzon, and a light yellow raincoat. He was also easily distinguishable because of his commanding stature, being 6 feet 3 inches tall. The sharpshooters directed several close shots which clipped the grass nearby. Staff officers called General Lawton's attention to his danger, but he only laughed with his usual contempt for bullets.

Suddenly he exclaimed "I am shot!" clinched his hands in a desperate effort to stand erect, and then fell into the arms of a staff officer. Orderlies rushed across the field for surgeons, who dashed up quickly, but their efforts were useless. The body was taken to a clump of bushes and laid upon a litter, the familiar white helmet covering the face of the dead General.

DIED AT MOMENT OF VICTORY.

Almost at this moment the cheers of the American troops rushing into San Mateo were mingling with the rifle volleys.

After the fight six stalwart cavalrymen forded the river to the town, carrying the litter on their shoulders, the staff proceeding with the colors, and a cavalry escort following. The body was put in a building in the town.

The troops filed, bareheaded, through the building, and many a tear fell from the eyes of the men who had long followed the intrepid Lawton. The entire command was stricken with grief, as if each man had suffered a personal loss.

Owing to the condition of the country, which is impassable so far as vehicles are concerned, the body could not be brought to Manila that day. Mrs. Lawton and her children are living in a Government residence formerly occupied by a Spanish general.

San Mateo lies between a high mountain behind and a broad shallow stream in front, with wide sand bars, which the Filipino trenches commanded. The Americans were compelled to ford the river under fire. It was while they were lying in the ricefields and volleying across preparatory to passing the stream that General Lawton was shot. All except the officers were behind cover.

A TIRELESS LEADER TO THE LAST.

General Lawton's last military operations were conducted in his characteristic style. He left Manila Monday night, having returned from his northern operations Saturday, to lead an expedition through Mariquina Valley, which has been a Filipino stronghold throughout the war. The valley has several times been invaded, but never held by the Americans. General Geronimo was supposed to have there the largest organized Filipino force north of Manila and General Otis wished to seize and garrison Mariquina.

The night was one of the worst of the season. A heavy rain was falling.

Accompanied by his staff and Troop I, Fourth Cavalry, General Lawton set out at 9 p. m., in advance of the main force, consisting of the Eleventh Cavalry and one battalion each of the Twentieth and Twenty-seventh Infantry. He led the path through an almost pathless country, 15 miles, over hills and through canebrake and deep mud, the horses climbing the rocks and sliding down the hills. Before daybreak the command had reached the head of the valley.

San Mateo was attacked at 8 a. m. and a three hours' fight ensued, the last earthly battle of the brave Lawton.

HEROIC DEEDS OF LAWTON.

Maj.-Gen. Henry W. Lawton was one of the officers of the present generation who form the ideal of the American soldier.

A tactician of admitted skill, he was besides every inch a soldier in the physical sense—a gladiator. Tall; straight as an arrow, muscular as an athlete, he was tireless on the march, more than reckless in exposing himself to danger, loving battle for battle's sake, always anxious to do and dare where other men might hesitate.

His soldiers grew to believe—many soldiers are just a bit superstitious—that he had a charmed life. Men fell all around him in Cuba and Luzon, but the towering, military figure of Lawton moved erect where the bullets sung their song loudest. A favorite exploit of his when his men were recoiling with the first signs of panic was to ride calmly and slowly up and down in front of their most advanced line, steadying them by his own inspiring example. His usual mount was a big black horse, which, with its rider, formed a striking target for an enemy, and it was a wonder of wonders that he was not killed before.

ALWAYS EAGER FOR FIGHTING.

Lawton, like Wheeler, could hardly be still when a fight was on. He wanted to get in the thick of it, to feel the thrill of combat, the exultation of victory.

It was early in February of the present year that Lawton arrived at Manila. Lawton captured Santa Cruz, at the extreme end of the lake, near Manila, April 10. Santa Cruz, which was a Filipino stronghold, fell into the hands of his expedition after some sharp fighting, which formed one of the most interesting battles of the war. Lawton and his staff accompanied the troops, sometimes leading charges in Indian fighting tactics, which eventually resulted in the complete rout of the Filipinos.

The General's next hard fighting took place in his attack on San Rafael, where the Americans were met with a heavy fire from a large number of natives concealed in the jungle on all sides. Only the adoption by Lawton of the tactics followed in Indian fighting in the United States—every man for himself—saved the division from great loss. As usual, the General was at the head of the line.

A RAGGED AND HUNGRY LEGION.

But it was in conquering North Luzon that Lawton won his chief success in the Philippines. After the last rainy season, which was marked by but a few campaigns on the part of the American troops, Lawton set out on one of those tireless expeditions which he knew so well how to conduct. So rapid were his movements that about the middle of November the whereabouts of Lawton and his subordinate, Young, became almost as mysterious as those of Aguinaldo.

Lawton's troops suffered great hardship in this series of energetic movements, many of the men dropping out sick and being left at towns on the route. Many of the General's horses were dying and many of the soldiers' and even some of the officers, marched half naked, their clothes being torn to shreds in getting through the jungles. Hundreds were barefoot, and all of them were living on any sort of provisions they could find. Bread was rare and carabao meat and bananas were the staple food.

These tactics both surprised and discomfited the Filipinos. One of their sayings has been thus quoted:

"The Spaniards used to dine, smoke a cigarette and take a siesta when they were fighting us. Lawton doesn't even stop to eat. He is not fighting fair."

HERO OF EL CANEY.

But the fame of Lawton by no means rests on the Filipino War alone. He was the "hero of El Caney," and as such was one of the most conspicuous fighters of General Shafter's Santiago campaign. El Caney was a fortified village, three miles northeast of Santiago, and it became necessary to capture it in order to turn the Spaniards' left flank.

Lawton's division moved out on June 30, 1898, into position for the attack. Gen. Vera del Rey's gallant Spaniards made a heroic defense, but Lawton resorted to his familiar rushing tactics, and the hill was won.

The General was also noted as an Indian fighter. The Indians came to know him as the most active, vigilant, wary and determined of foes.

His pursuit and capture of Geronimo, the famous Apache chieftain, has gone down to history as one of the most remarkable campaigns ever undertaken with the small force in hand. General Miles picked out Lawton to lead the chase after the Indian chief, and for three months, practically day and night, through all sorts of vicissitudes of weather and personal suffering, Lawton hung on the trail like a bloodhound until the game was run to earth, and for the first time in a quarter of a century southeastern Arizona was pacified.

BRAVERY IN THE CIVIL WAR.

The earlier details of Lawton's life may be briefly told. He was born at Toledo, Ohio, March 17, 1843, and served in the Union Army throughout the Civil War, having entered the service as sergeant of Company E, Ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in April, 1861. Successively he was promoted for merit and bravery on the field of battle to first lieutenant of the Thirtieth Indiana Infantry in August, 1861; to captain in May, 1862, and to lieutenant colonel in November, 1864. In March, 1865, he was brevetted colonel for gallant and meritorious service during the war.

He entered the regular army in July, 1866, as second lieutenant of the Forty-first Infantry (colored) and remained with that branch until January, 1871, when he was transferred to the Fourth Cavalry. With this regiment he remained until September, 1888, when he was appointed inspector general, having the rank of major.

Later he was promoted to lieutenant-colonel and held that rank until the opening of the war with Spain, when President McKinley appointed him brigadier-general of volunteers and as signed him to the command of a division of the Fifth Army Corps, commanded by Shafter. President McKinley appointed him a major-general of volunteers July 8, 1898.

WAS IN OVER 165 FIGHTS.

Col. Charles Denby, a member of the Philippine Commission, says in reference to the death of General Lawton:

"I knew him well in the Philippines. I vainly reasoned with him as to his constant personal exposure in battle. He told me at that time that he had been in 165 fights. He was an ideal soldier, as careful and prudent of everybody but himself as he was brave. His loss is the most deplorable event that could have happened to our army."

Thousands Eager to Fight.

London special to the Baltimore Sun.

Remarkable, indeed, were the scenes in Pall Mall today.

Of late at the War Office the officials have grown accustomed to see ladies in magnificent toilettes, the wives, mothers, sisters or sweethearts of officers at the front, and the modestly clad relatives of the private soldiers elbowing each other, all with the same anxiety depicted in their faces and the same heaviness of heart.

It was in the centre hall and outside in the streets that the scene today was new. Instead of the usual war news seekers, bands of stalwart, athletic, big boned young men were assembled.

They were of a build which showed them to be of a race accustomed to live an outdoor life. A healthy looking color was in their cheeks. Nearly all of them were well dressed, most of them affecting a jaunty colored waistcoat, a sporting cravat, leather gaiters and boots which looked more like those made for a day's shooting than the ones generally seen in swell Pall Mall.

These came in crowds. They were eager, talked much and kept darting in and out of the doors and passages of the War Office.

What they wanted to find, what they were there for was to know how they could get to the war, how they could be embodied in England's new citizen army of irregular troops.

According to the War Office, there came offers of service of 100,000 of the yeomanry and volunteers. Offers were coming in so fast in the afternoon that it was impossible to attend to them. They came by post, by telegraph and cable from East and West, Australia, Canada, Malta and the Cape, from almost every region where British colonies flourish.

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Meeting of Fusion Board of Education—Dr. Melchor Resigns.

The old Fusion County Board of Education, which claims title to office under the recent Supreme Court decisions, held a meeting Wednesday, chairman J. C. Bain and J. T. McCorquodale being present. Mr. Newton the Democratic County Superintendent appeared before the board in an unofficial capacity to state his position, which he said was an awkward one in face of the recent decision, but that as the Democratic board was still in office and as he did not know their intention in the matter, he considered them the legal officers and would therefore act as clerk to that board. He concluded by requesting the old board not to take any action as County Board of Education until January 8th, the regular quarterly meeting time.

Dr. Melchor, the colored member of the board, offered his resignation, which the board accepted.

Mr. Bain, the Fusion Chairman, told an Observer reporter yesterday afternoon that the board would try and reach an amicable understanding with the Democratic board.

Entertained at Red Springs.

W. J. McDiarmid gave a supper in Hotel Townsend Friday night to a party of 16 ladies and gentlemen, says the Red Springs Citizen of yesterday. Among the guests were Misses Eliza Williams and Kate Underwood, of Fayetteville, several young ladies of the Seminary and others.

Miscellaneous.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Boston, Dec'r 22.—Representative Boutelle is resting comfortably at Young's Hotel. His physicians think his recovery will be rapid.

New Haven, Conn, Dec. 23.—The trial of Prof. Osborne for body-snatching, began today.

Boston, Dec. 23.—A warrant for the arrest of Charles H. Cole, formerly president of the Globe National Bank, was issued by a U. S. Commissioner this morning.

Denial.

By cable to the Observer.

Paris, December 23rd.—The French foreign office denies the statement of the Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail of London, that Dr. Leyds, the Boer agent, has asked the services of Delcasse, in the cause of peace.

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The Seaboard Air Line.

Upon application Thursday of attorneys for Thomas F. Ryan, of New York, a temporary restraining order was issued by United States District Judge Thomas R. Purnell to prevent any action of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad stockholders looking toward the consolidation of the Seaboard Air Line system.

A few hours later Judge Purnell, upon representations from the majority interests, granted the parties a hearing and revoked the temporary restraining order in a written judgment as follows:

"The order inadvertently signed this morning is revoked and the service thereof held to be invalid. In the exercise of a sound judicial discretion the restraining order is refused.

The meeting of the stockholders of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad was accordingly held at 4 p. m., pursuant to an adjournment at noon.

The purchase of the preferred and common stock of subordinate companies was reported by Vice-President E. St. John, with the prices paid, and a resolution approving and confirming the same was adopted by a vote of 14,967 shares to 16.

CONSOLIDATION APPROVED.

The following resolution was also adopted by the same vote:

Whereas it is proposed to unite the railways and properties of the Seaboard Air Line System with those of the South-Bound Railroad, the Georgia and Alabama Railroad and the Florida Central and Peninsular Railroad Company, thus creating a system operating railroads from Richmond, Va., and Portsmouth, Va., through the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Florida; therefore be it

Resolved by the stockholders of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad Company, That they approve of the corporate union of the railways and properties comprising the Seaboard Air Line system with those of the South-Bound Railroad, the Georgia and Alabama Railroad and the Florida Central and Peninsular Railroad Company upon such fair and just terms to the stockholders of such properties, and which may be agreed upon by them, and they hereby authorize and empower the president and directors of this company to join in such agreements, contracts, merger or consolidation or other measure as may be legally necessary or proper to bring about the closest physical connection and corporate union or merger of such properties for the accomplishment of the creation of the system so proposed.

The meeting was then adjourned till January 17, when final action is expected to be taken.

About Hope Mills.

The Hope Mills Mf'g Co., Hope Mills, N. C., says the Textile Excelsior, have placed a repeat order with the American Moistening Co., Boston, Mass, for humidifiers.

The same journal confirms a statement of the Observer in the following:

J. Sheldon Davis, Supt. of the Hope Mills, (N. C.) Mf'g Co. is to resign his position shortly. F. H. Cotton, son of S. H. Cotton, the former Supt., will be the new Supt.

Confederate Officials.

Chatham Record.

The United States government has recently published in pamphlet form an Executive and Congressional Directory of the Confederate States, a copy of which has been kindly sent The Record by Hon. John W. Atwater. This pamphlet contains the names of all the Confederate Executive officers and Congressmen, and in looking over the list it is sad to see how few are now living.

As everybody knows, President Davis and Vice-President Stephens have been dead several years. And of the eighteen Cabinet officers only Postmaster-General Reagan is living. Of the Congressmen from North Carolina only three are now living, and they are Messrs. Allen T. Davidson, Thomas C. Fuller and Josiah Turner. Those who are dead are Senators George Davis, W. T. Dortch, W. A. Graham and E. G. Reade, and Representatives R. R. Bridgers, O. R. Kenan, T. D. McDowell, T. S. Ashe, J. R. McLean, William Lander, B. S. Gaither, W. N. H. Smith, A. H. Arrington, J. T. Leach, J. M. Leach, J. A. Gilmer, G. W. Logan and James G. Ramsey.

Ready Rasford Readings.

RAEFORD, N. C., Dec. 19, 1899.

Correspondence of the Observer.)

Neill McLauchlin, of South Carolina, is visiting his uncle, the Hon. J. W. McLauchlin.

Mrs. A. P. Dickson spent a portion of last week with her mother, Mrs. T. W. DeVane, near Fayetteville.

Miss Naomi Eley, teacher of vocal and instrumental music at Raeford Institute, leaves Friday for Berkeley, Virginia, to spend the holidays with her parents.

Miss Annie Belle DeVane and Miss Mary E. Robinson, of Red Springs spent several days here visiting Miss Fannie Dickson.

John Sinclair is having a nice dwelling erected here.

Communion services were held here Sunday, the Rev. R. W. Alexander officiating.

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Twenty-five Years' Constant Use without a Failure.

The first indication of croup is hoarseness, and in a child subject to that disease it may be taken as a sure sign of the approach of an attack. Following this hoarseness is a peculiar rough cough. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, it will prevent the attack. It is used in many thousands of homes in this broad land and never disappoints the anxious mothers. We have yet to learn of a single instance in which it has not proved effectual. No other preparation can show such a record—twenty-five years' constant use without a failure. For sale by B. E. Sedberry & Sons.

My son has been troubled for years with chronic diarrhœa. Sometime ago I persuaded him to take some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy. After using two bottles of the 25 cent size he was cured. I give this testimonial, hoping some one similarly afflicted may read it and be benefited.—THOMAS C. BOWER, Glencoe, O. For sale by B. E. Sedberry & Son.

How To Gain Flesh

Persons have been known to gain a ***pound a day*** by taking an ounce of SCOTT'S EMULSION. It is strange, but it often happens.

Somehow the ounce produces the pound; it seems to start the digestive machinery going properly, so that the patient is able to digest and absorb his ordinary food, which he could not do before, and that is the way the gain is made.

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News of Interest

The Duke of Marlborough, who is a lieutenant in the Oxfordshire Yeomanry, and who has volunteered for service in South Africa, will take with him 150 men and horses of his troop. He will personally furnish the equipment for these men. The Earl of Warwick, the Earl of Dudley, the Earl of Lonsdale, and Viscount Galway, are among the other members of the aristocracy who have volunteered for service in the campaign against the Boers.

The Secretary of War yesterday issued an order announcing the death of General Lawton. It briefly reviews his career, since he entered the army as a private in answer to President Lincoln's first call for volunteers, up to the time of his death, and says:

"The swift and relentless movement of his column up the Rio Grande, across the northern boundary of the plain of central Luzon, which had just been completed, was the chief factor in the destruction of the insurgent power, and was the crowning achievement of his arduous life. He fell in the fullness of his powers, in the joy of conflict, in the consciousness of assured victory. Flags will be placed at half-staff, and thirteen minute-guns will be fired at every military post and station on the day after receipt of this order, and the usual badges of mourning will be worn thirty days."

Railroad Wrecks.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Flemington, N. J., December 22.—By a wreck on the New Jersey Central's High Bridge this morning Christopher Hulger was killed and three injured.

Buffalo, December 22.—The Bradford Express and the Buffalo Southwestern collided at Buffalo Junction. The engineer was killed and fireman fatally injured.

It requires Nerve to stand the strain of nervous neuralgia, pains in the face, head or any part of the body. These pains are quickly stopped by the use of Perry Davis' Pain-Killer. The relief is immediate and lasting. Do not suffer a moment longer but use the Pain-Killer as directed. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis'. Price 25c. and 50c.

An editor prints his paper to give his patrons the news of the day and for the money there is in it. He is presumed to know of what he writes, and he generally does. When he writes as he does in the *Leader Courier*, Osceola Mills, Pa., without fee or hope of reward, that "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts magically, and we have found none better in our household. If you have a cough, try it," it may be accepted as an honest expression, worthy of credence. For sale by B. E. Sedberry & Sons.

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FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN 1900.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

"Where the gold Democrats are numerically weak they will profess to accept the platform, but will oppose every plan that is calculated to bring success to the platform."—*William J. Bryan to National Committeeman C. S. Thomas, of Colorado.*

The Administration's New York Partner.

The New York World gives a long account of the ambitious project of James Stillman, President of the National City Bank of New York, to convert that institution into an "Imperial Bank," bearing a relation to the United States somewhat similar to that of the Bank of England to the British Empire. His bank is the depository of the government's funds, and already wields a power over the finances of the country that is incalculable. It is, in fact, the administration's New York partner, enjoying the immense power which such a relation confers, and yet covering that relation's colossal benefits into its own private coffers.

The subject is interesting as illustrating our progress along the dangerous road which we are being made to travel. The following extracts from the world's article are well worth the people's careful thought:

James Stillman is today the most powerful man in New York finance. In Wall street he is regarded as the dominant factor of the American financial field. As president of the National City Bank, which will now receive $300,000,000 yearly of the Government's money without paying a cent for the gigantic privilege, his power to sway the money market is practically unlimited.

Much of this money will be distributed to other banks, it is true, but it is figured that the National City will have the use of about $40,000,000 a year, free of all charge, and $40,000,000 in cash is a formidable club with which to batter Wall street in time of excitement.

Stillman's strength lies in his backing. In this qualification he is preeminent. Here are some of his backers:

John D. Rockefeller, William Rockefeller, Henry H. Rogers, John D. Archbold, The National City Bank.

To these must be added: The Government of the United States and about 40 corporations and multi-millionaires.

James Stillman has one ambition in life. That is to make the National City Bank in this country what the Bank of England is in Great Britain, the Bank of France in France, the Bank of Germany in Germany.

Mr. Stillman did not branch out as a man of finance until after William Rockefeller, president of the Standard Oil Trust, of New York, married his sister. Then when the Rockefellers bought up a controlling interest in the National City Bank he became its president.

Wall street is not really surprised at the selection of the National City Bank as the custodian of the Government's revenue funds. Many times before the institution has been closen by the present administration to transact business of great profit to the bank.

Last spring Secretary Gage announced that he would pay the Spanish indemnity to Spain through the National City Bank instead of paying the gold to the French Ambassador, who would thus be enabled to purchase exchange on account of the Spanish Government and turn a fair profit on behalf of the Dons.

At the time the Spanish treaty was signed exchange rates were so unfavorable to the exportation of gold that it was estimated that tne Spanish agent could have made $200,000 profit by buying exchange in this market.

Within two weeks thereafter the Standard Oil Company and the National City Bank had so strongly influenced the exchange market that the Spanish Government received par for the bills. In other words, it was charged openly in Wall street that the Standard Oil Company and the National City Bank had cornered the exchange market and made the $200,000 that the Spaniards had lost by the transaction. The charge has never been denied.

OTHER MARKS OF FAVORITISM.

Since then the National City Bank has received many marks of Secretary Gage's favoritism. Secretary Gage has repeatedly held conferences with President Stillman over the long-distance telephone regarding the Government policy toward the New York money market. As a result of these conferences James Stillman, if he has had no direct intimation, has been able to draw inferences concerning the government policy which have been of great value to the bank. It is believed that it was as a result of one of these conferences that the National City Bank was able to collect and deliver to the sub Treasury $5,000,000 of Government bonds within sixteen hours—all outside of banking hours—after the announcement that the Secretary of the Treasury had decided to deposit the internal revenue receipts in the national banks.

The deposits of the National City Bank average about $120,000,000 and its money out on call loans runs between $80,000,000 and $90,000,000. It is the heaviest dealer in call loans in Wall street, and it can send the money market up or down at will simply by calling in its loans or lending at a low rate.

MANIPULATION OFTEN CHARGED.

Many times brokers have charged the bank with manipulating the money market simply by using its tremendous deposits as a club. The process is simple. In the morning it calls in $80,000,000 or $90,000,000, or thereabouts, worth of loans. That makes the brokers hustle to get loans from other sources, and as the general necessity becomes apparent the money rate goes up and the stringency sends the prices of stocks down. Then in the afternoon, when the money rate has been boosted to heart-breaking figures, the National City begins to loosen its purse strongs and gets out many millions at a ruinous price to those who have to borrow.

It has been charged that the Standard Oil barons used the National City's loan business to bear the market on stocks that they had special reasons for driving down, and in many quarters it was alleged that the recent panic was the direct result of this sandbagging policy.

The National City Bank will have the free use of $40,000,000 a year of the United States Government's money as a result of its selection by Secretary of the Treasury Gage as the central depository for internal revenue receipts, which run between $900,000 and $1,000,000 a day.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Baltimore Sun aptly suggests that those patriots who advocate the bill of Representative Roberts, of Massachusetts, for the protection of the United States flag from degrading uses—such as wrapping bacon with the paper counterfeits of it, and so forth—should extend the bill's provisions so as to forbid the flag's use for commercial purposes under the guise of imperialism in the Philippines, whether such purposes be the initial purchase of ten million Filipinos, or any of the operations designed to enrich a few favored Americans at the expense of the mass of tax payers, which are to follow that disgraceful beginning. Meanwhile, the Sun suggests *Salve Lardum* as an appropriate motto for our glorious flag.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 25, 1899.

The most notable thing about the present attitude of the Hanna-McKinley machine is its apparent recklessness in arranging for legislation that will result in the extravagant expenditure of public money. They seem to take it for granted that the people are too dazed to see through their schemes, one of the most costly of which is the ship-subsidy job, which is to be started with an appropriation of $100,000,000, to be disbursed in ten years. This job was endorsed by Mr. McKinley in his message, and by the republican National Committee at its recent meeting, and it is to push it along that Assistant Postmaster General Heath, and Comptroller of Currency Dawei have been selected so long in advance of the campaign, and in absolute defiance of the Civil Service law, to prepare literature to be distributed by the National Committee. The principal duty of this republican literary bureau for several months will be to try to fill republican papers with demands for the passage of the ship-subsidy bill by Congress, in order that the weak-kneed republicans in Congress, who are disposed to balk on this subsidy business, may be made to believe that the press of their party is demanding the legislation. If this job goes through Congress, and is signed by Mr. McKinley, it ought to and probably will, make thousands of democratic votes in the Presidential campaign. And that isn't the only contemplated job. In fact, it looks as though the Hanna-McKinley machine, in its recklessness to spend public money in the interest of its favored supporters, would furnish a first-class lot of vote-making democratic campaign material.

Boss Platt has already half won his fight against Secretary Root as the nominee far Vice President on the McKinley ticket, as Byss Hanna has publicly said that there was no disposition to force Mr. Root on the ticket, if he was not acceptable to the New York delegation. But Platt is not to have everything his own way, and it is practically certain that he will not be able to get his man, Timothy Woodruff, on the ticket. Hanna played a strong anti-Platt card when he got a boom started for Cornelius Bliss, who was Mr. McKinley's first Secretary of the Interior, and who is every bit as objectionable to Platt as Root. And he dropped a hint for Platt when he said that if New York wanted the second place on the ticket, it would have to present a united delegation at the Convention; otherwise the nomination would go to some other State. Already, Attorney General Griggs has a miniature boom.

That Mr. McKinley does not regard his re-election as an assured thing may be judged from the fact that he has already partially made arrangments for an across-the-continent stumping tour, similar to the one he made last fall. The excuse is to be the launching of the battleship Ohio, at San Francisco, which is to take place some time in September or October. Mr. McKinley will attend the launching on a special train, going by one route and returning by another, and will make rear-platform speeches wherever the party managers may consider them necessary. Similar trips are to be made to the New England States, all of which shows that Mr. McKinley isn't expecting the walk over that less shrewd members of his party are predicting.

Subscriptions to the fund that is being raised for the widow and children of General Lawton, who was killed in the Philippines, are coming in quite rapidly. The total now exceeds $11,000.

The administration has refused to order General Wheeler either to remain in the Philippines, where he is said to be much dissatisfied with the command given him by Otis, or to return to Washington. He got a friend to endeavor to get Mr. McKinley to drop a hint on the subject and that is the sort of hint he got. If General Wheeler returns, he will have to resign his commission as Brigadier General of Volunteers.

Senator Marion Butler, Chairman of the National People's party Committee, has sent a circular letter to each member of that committee, asking for their views as to holding a National Convention to nominate a Presidential ticket. He thinks a convention will be held and that it will nominate Col. Bryan. Speaking of the convention, Senator Allen, of Nebraska, who is a member of the National Committee, said that it made no difference whether the Convention was held before or after the Democratic Convention, because it was already settled that Col. Bryan would be nominated by both conventions. Senator Allen says the Bryan electors will carry Nebraska by 25,000 majority.

It should be perfectly natural for the Army and Navy to act together in offensive operations against a common enemy, but experience, both in Cuba and in the Philippines having shown that they do not always do so, the recommendation of Inspector General Breckenridge that Congress provide for a joint Army and Navy Board, will probably be adopted.

J. B. Clark, Peoria, Ill., says, "Surgeons wanted to operate on me for piles, but I cured them with DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve." It is infallible for piles and skin diseases. Beware of counterfeits.

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OUR VILE ADMINISTRATION.

Here are some truths about our vile administration, well stated by the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, which we commend to the consideration of our readers:

ROBBERY BY REFUNDING.

While the House of Representatives has been rushing through the gold and bond-bill, under the name of a currency bill which destroys all real currency except bank-note issues, supplied to the banks for nothing at the expense of the people, and which will only be lent to the people at usurious rates of interest, the Senate proposes to refund the public debt which the House has so enhanced in amount and value.

The N. Y. Herald says if the Senate scheme of refunding is adopted, about sixty millions of dollars ($60,000,000) must be paid out of the Treasury to the bondholders of the existing and outstanding public debt in premiums (or market price) on the bonds. The refunding, or renewal, is to be in gold coin bonds, at three per cent. per annum, with an extension of time to run, and it is pretended that this job will be a great saving to the United States Government and people, because the new rate will be 3 per cent., while the average present rate on the debt is 4 per cent.

But that is a false pretence, for besides the $60,000,000 in premiums on the outstanding bonds, because "the credit of the United States is so good," the saving in the rate of interest is more than offset by making the new bonds payable in gold coin, eo nomine, and by the new lease or extension of life given to the public debt by the new bonds. Further, large sums in commissions will be given to banks and capitalists for "negotiating" the new loan. Moreover, the longer the public debt is continued in any interest-bearing bonds, it is double burden on government and people not only in the interest paid, but in the immense sum so exempt from all taxes of every kind. *Finally, the entire public debt, much of which is matured, and most of which is nearing maturity, is payable in the amount of money and the kind of money now in the U. S Treasury, or easily placed there, without issuing a dollar of new interest bearing debt!*

The banks and bondholders, however, enjoy all the benefits, without sharing any of the burdens, of government; and this has been the system so long under Republican and Cleveland rule ever since 1861, that every Republican administration must not only continue it, but make it more and more favorable to the banks and bondholders, or step down and out. Cleveland won twice by competing with the Republicans at their own game; but the true Democracy, faithful to its principles and the people, will bravely endure all things until they succeed in arousing the people to the evils of our national condition and the dangers that are daily growing greater and more menacing.

But we have not yet referred to the greatest robbery to be perpetrated under this proposed refunding of the public debt. As soon as the scheme is made law, and the Treasury goes into the market, or solicits offers of bonds outstanding, these will be run up, up, up, on the government, possibly to 50 per cent. above par, and we may have to pay $1 50 for every $1 00 redeemed and refunded; and as soon as the refunding is accomplished the new and improved, strengthened and lengthened "endless chain" will commence to clear out the Treasury of gold by offering silver dollars, greenbacks, Treasury notes, fractional currency and every sort of governmental obligation for exchange or redemption in gold; and the gold reserve, thus broken and reduced, will begin another "endless chain," this one of U. S. bonds, to restore the gold reserve, under Banker Gage's unlimited "discretion" to so increase the public debt!

All these things are possible under this rascally currency bill, and they become certain if the bill pass and the Republicans are retained in power, *because they are possible;* for no sane person can expect banks and bondholders to forego any opportunity to beat the government or the people.

ARE WE, TOO, SOLD FOR A PRICE?

McKinley and the American, English and French holders of the so-called Cuban bonds," issued by Spain to enable her to pursue her brutal war on Cubans and their liberties, were strongly opposed to war against Spain; and even the popular pressure for the war would have been unavailing but for the blowing up of the Maine in the harbor of Habana and the killing of so many of our sailors by that treacherous atrocity. Already committed to the banks and bondholders, and their schemes, through Mark Hanna and the immense campaign-fund he had received and utilized in the Presidential election, McKinley had early notification that a war on Spain, resulting in her loss of Cuba, would probably endanger also the blood money which had been advanced to Spain on the pretended Cuban bonds by American and other investors; and the influence of J. Pierpont Morgan and others was brought to bear on the administration to induce it to sacrifice the Cubans to preserve the interests of the bondholders at home and abroad. But the designs of providence were not to be thwarted by the wishes of unscrupulous speculators in human blood and liberty. Spain lost Cuba.

It was at once claimed that the so called Cuban bonds attached to the island and that the United States should assume and guarantee the debt, or compel Cuba to pay the money advanced to Spain to be used in the subjugation, desolation and slaughter of the island and its people; a monstrous proposition, which aroused general disgust and indignation as soon as it was understood that it was entertained or mooted at Washington. Then it was said that, under international law, if Spain had to surrender Cuba finally, the United States would be held responsible for the "Cuban bonds," or must impose them on Cuba in the treaty of peace. All these jobs failing, it is said that the scheme for the pretended purchase of the "sovereignty" of the Philippines from Spain was concocted and placed in the treaty for the benefit of the "Cuban bondholders;" and it is now believed that Spain did not receive a dollar of the alleged price, but that the whole $20,000,000 went to her bondholders, who had furnished the Cuban blood-money.

There was certainly no reason why the United States should buy the islands at all from anybody, nor half so much as she should buy Cuba; and if there was any reason to buy the Philippines from Spain, much more should Spain have indemnity for the loss of Cuba. The Filipinos were as much our allies in the war with Spain as the Cubans, and did at least quite as much against the common enemy. But the Filipinos had no bondholders, with a pretended claim on them and their islands to protect them; and if the President and Congress had made no express pledge to respect their rights and liberties, as in case of the Cubans, their equities were the same, and we were as much bound in conscience and principle to respect them, their land and rights as if we had made a special promise to do so in writing and formal declaration and proclamation. We had not fought and conquered them; but, on the contrary, they had helped us fight and defeat Spain, and it was rank perfidy in us to "make believe" that they belonged to Spain and that we had purchased their "sovereignty" from the common foe. It was rewarding Spain and avenging her on the Filipinos in the moment of our joint victory. There is a special meanness in the transaction which can hardly be paralleled, certainly not surpassed, in all annals of treachery and despotism.

Shall it all be masked and accepted by the American people as a mere expansion of geographical limits by honorable and legitimate means? Impossible! McKinley may skulk in oblivion; Aguinaldo may be run down and slain as a wild beast, and his people may be ruthlessly dispossessed and enslaved, or exterminated; yet the crime will persist in all its black turpitude, and will cry aloud to us to disavow and avenge it upon the guilty persons and party that egged McKinley on to it, as the was to empire and military power: the way

—"to wade through slaughter to a throne,
And shut the gates of mercy on mankind!"

The man on horseback is in sight; the standing army is already levied! and the red banded tyrant will do his work, though he be "the mildest mannered man that ever cut a throat or scuttled a ship." Beware of the Yoke.

GEN. BUTLER AS A SCAPEGOAT.

London special to the Baltimore Sun.

From what is said a storm is brewing on the subject of the Government's conduct toward General Sir William Butler, whose conduct at the outset of the war met with much criticism.

General Butler, who commanded at Cape Town previous to the war, sent a series of dispatches warning the Government against attacking the Boers, and giving details of their preparation for war, which have been verified by recent events; but his dispatches were distasteful to the Government, which put them away out of sight, and Butler was harshly criticised.

But, it seems, he drew attention to the way in which the English were misled by the blindness of their Intelligence Department, which, from what has taken place, was easily misled by the Boers as to their arms and numerical strength. It is well known here that agents of the Intelligence Department were sent from time to time to find what the Boers were doing in the way of armament. The Boers knew all about this, and, with simulated candor, conducted the visitors around forts which they chose for their own purposes, where old guns were set up and shown with an affectation of pride by Kruger's men, who were cunning enough to inspire the confidence of the visitors by their plausibility. Thus the British received minute reports of the caliber, range and number of old cannon possessed by the Boers, but were merely gulled.

The real guns with which the war is being conducted, the Creusots and Krupps, were so carefully hidden that scarcely a person outside of the immediate circle of the Pretoria Government knew of them. The English Government sent out guns equal in caliber to what the agents had been allowed to see. In the same manner it is said that the Boers underestimated their numerical forces and small arms.

All these deceptions, it is stated, were exposed to the home government by General Butler. The result was that he was called a disloyal pro Boer. Rabid papers called for his degradation, but since the war persons who knew the contents of Butler's dispatches have come forward and asked that they be published. The attention of members of Parliament has been called to this. When the Commons assemble in six weeks demands will be made for the publication of these dispatches. A prominent man said to-day:

"Is Butler the Dreyfus of this war? He has been made a scapegoat by many, and has he not even been snubbed by the Queen? It will be remembered that when the Queen visited Bristol he was withdrawn from the position of chief of the western division. He would have been hooted had he appeared. Has he been insulted by the press in order to shield the War Office, which believed rather in the Intelligence Department than the chief of the South African forces?"

An Appreciated Telegram.

Among the many pleasant Christmas greetings which have come to the OBSERVER, none is more highly appreciated than the subjoined telegram, which came from one of the ablest of the younger Democrats sent out from Fayetteville:

PENSACOLA, FLA., 25th Dec., '99.

Merry Christmas, I greet you as the best North Carolina representative of the genuine democracy. Your recent editorials "Colossal Mistatemenst" and "Fruits of Clevelandism" especially meet my approbation.

J. R MYROVER.

Mayor's Court.

James Ward, white, was before the Mayor yesterday, charged with the stabbing of George Maynor, colored, and was bound over to the criminal court. In default of a fifty dollar bond he was sent to jail. Maynor was sufficiently recovered to attend the trial.

Miss Lillian Slocomb leaves on the 3rd of January for an extended trip to Minnesota, Kansas, and Arkansas, returning home by Georgia and Alabama.

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Hope Mills Items.—Important Changes.

Hope Mills, N. C., Dec. 23, '99.

The Hope Mills Manufacturing Company cannot run without Cotton. Four months ago Mr. S. H. Cotton resigned as manager of the company. Mr. J. Soelton Davis then became manager. Mr. Davis has resigned and Mr. F. H. Cotton has been offered and accepted the place temporarily. The Bluff Mills was purchased while Mr. Davis was in as manager of the Hope Mills Company and is known as Hope Mills No. 3. Immediately after the purchase of No. 3, a number of carpenters were put to work building new tenement houses, repairing others and repairing the mill waterway and dam. The stumps in the pond were cut down, and other work was done for the looks and improvement of the place. Looking after the work at No. 3, and the many orders for goods which were pouring in, kept Mr. Davis very busy. He turned over to his successor, Mr. F. H. Cotton, no easy job.

The new manager is only 28 years old. For several years he has been in charge of No. 2, and is well up in the cotton mill business. His grandfather owned a mill in Chester, Pa., which he ran successfully during the various panics. His father, while manager of the Hope Mill Company, ran it so successfully that instead of one mill there are now three. Inheriting the good judgment and business qualities of his ancestors, although so young for such a responsible place, he will, no doubt, fill it satisfactorily to himself and the company.

The work on No. 2 dam is progressing satisfactorily. It is hoped that the mill can be run by water some time in January.

Mr. T. J. Gardner has resigned as manager of the Hope Mills Company stores, resignation to take effect Jan. 1, 1900. Mr. Gardner will then open a business for himself at Cumberland Mills. He will discontinue his naval tsore and mercantile business at Antioch, in Robeson county. It is not now known who will take Mr. Gardner's place. Mr. Gardner has been in the mercantile business a long time, and is a careful, prudent man. We have no doubt of his success at Cumberland Mills.

The people here are well prepared to enjoy Christmas. No paupers, very few poor, and plenty of money, ought to make the people have a good Christmas.

Z. B. NEWTOM.

Seventy-First Items.

SEVENTY-FIRST, N. C., December 26, 1899.

We offer the customary felicitations of the season to the OBSERVER, its bright correspondents and its many readers, with the hope that each one has had a Merry Christmas.

It has been much the same as usual in Seventy-First, and "we take our pen in hand" to chronicle the comings and goings of our people. A goodly number of the dispersed abroad are at home and the places mentioned in connection with them are the places they stay away from when they are not there. They are not "spending the holidays at home," because everybody else is doing that. Of such, then, there are here now:

Two-thirds of the faculty and a large number of the students of the Lumber Bridge School; Mr. John McPherson, of Richmond county; Mr. Frank McPherson, of Montgomery, Ala.; Mr. Joseph Smith and family, from South Carolina; Messrs. Connie Blue and A. J. Davis, from Georgia, and several of the "lesser lights" of the noble army of teachers—we had almost said martyrs—would it have been a *lapsus calami*, my brethren and sistern?

Mr. Calvin Lindsay is visiting Mr. Mercer Taylor, in Brunswick county.

Of our dispersed abroad recently married we note: Miss Mattie Mc Dougald, youngest daughter of Capt. D. McDougald, now of Statesboro, Ga., to Mr. Lee Bethune, formerly of Quewhiffle township, and Mr. J. Ben Gillis, of Statesboro, to Miss Addie Phillips, of Nellwood, Ga. Miss Phillips is a daughter of a prominent Methodist minister, who is a native of Edgecombe county.

The Young People's Missionary Society of Galatia church will be entertained today at the home of their President, Mrs. J. H. Currie, from two o'clock till they get ready to go home.

Messrs. David and Spencer Currie will go to Linden tomorrow to visit the family of Mr. George Elliott.

SCOTCH LASSIE.

News of Interest

A special from Norfolk, Va., says: The British steamer Ariosta, Captain Baines, bound from Galveston to Hamburg, was wrecked at 4 o'clock this morning six miles south of Hatteras, N. C., and twenty-one of the crew were drowned. Captain Baines and eight of the crew were saved by the heroic efforts of the Ocracoke life saving crew, under Captain James Howard.

Marriage Licenses.

The Register of Deeds has granted 33 marriage licenses so far this month, 14 to whites and 19 to colored. The following are among the last granted: Mr. W. S. Hollingsworth, age 24, and Miss M. C. Murchison, age 21, of Cross Creek; Mr. C. T. Underwood, age 21, and Miss Nannie Cain, age 20, both of Cross Creek. It will take only four more licenses this month to equal the number granted last December.

Sick Women Advised to Seek Advice of Mrs. Pinkham.

[LETTER TO MRS. PINKHAM NO. 94,863]

"I had inflammation and falling of the womb, and inflammation of ovaries, and was in great pain. I took medicine prescribed by a physician, but it did me no good. At last I heard of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and after using it faithfully I am thankful to say I am a well women. I would advise all suffering women to seek advice of Mrs. Pinkham."—MRS. G. H. CHAPPELL, GRANT PARK, ILL.

"For several years my health was miserable. I suffered the most dreadful pains, and was almost on the verge of insanity. I consulted one of the best physicians in New York, and he pronounced my disease a fibroid tumor, advising an operation without delay, saying that it was my only chance for life. Other doctors prescribed strong and violent medicine, and one said I was incurable, another told me my only salvation was galvanic batteries, which I tried, but nothing relieved me. One day a friend called and begged me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I began its use and took several bottles. From the very first bottle there was a wonderful change for the better. The tumor has disappeared entirely and my old spirits have returned. I heartily recommend your medicine to all suffering women."—MRS. VAN CLEFT, 416 SAUNDERS AVE., JERSEY CITY HEIGHTS, N. J.

The Maultsby-Lockett Marriage.

The Americus, Ga., paper has the following account of the recent marriage of our young townsman, Mr. T. Eugene Maultsby:

A very beautiful wedding occurred last evening at the home of the bride's parents on Forrest street when Miss Carrie Beall, the pretty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Lockett, was united in marriage to Mr. Thomas Eugene Maultsby, of Fayetteville, N. C. The marriage rites were solemnized by Rev. Samuel C. Dean.

Americus has rarely known a prettier home wedding.

The parlors were tastefully decorated in smilax and evergreens, while palms and cut flowers shed their beauty and fragrance upon the festive scene. Assembled there were a large number of friends of the handsome couple, for no marriage of recent date here had been anticipated with more interest.

There were no attendants, the bride being attended only by the pretty little ribbon bearers, Misses Lucile Clegg and May Wheatley.

After the bride and groom had received the many congratulations extended, the guests were invited to partake of an elegant repast where good cheer reigned until 9 o'clock, when Mr. and Mrs. Maultsby were driven to the Central depot to take the train for their future home in Fayetteville.

The beautiful array of presents gave evidence of the love and esteem in which the bride is held by her many friends.

Gus Brindle in the Philippines.

Gus Brindle writes his mother from the Philippine Islands, under date of November 13th. He is a member of Company H., 29th Infrntry, and his letter is countersigned by G. McGee, Captain of that command. He says that he has just reached the firing line, and expects to engage the enemy at any moment. He says that he was eight days on the railroad and twenty-eight days on the water in reaching Manila. He promises to bring lots of things which have struck him as interesting, home, provided he does not get killed, which he seems to think not unlikely, including a pet monkey. He says he is not drinking at all, and that he intends to bring $500 home. He leaves his salary with the Government, on which he is allowed 4 per cent. interest. He also sent an interesting copy of "Freedom," one of the leading papers of Manila.

Masonic Installation and Banquet at Hope Mills.

The second annual installation of officers of Lebanon Lodge of Masons, Hope Mills, took place last night followed by a banquet. The members of Phœnix Lodge, of this city, have been invited to attend, and the following will go down: Messrs. C. W. Elliott, I. W. Clark, J. A. Barnes, C. H. Williams, W. P. Wemyss, E. L. Remsburg, S. Spell, J. G. Oehrl, H. McD. Robinson, J. T. Bynum.

The officers elect are:
S. H. Cotton—W. M.
J. C. Culbreth—S. W.
F. H. Cotton—J. W.
W. D. Campbell—Treasurer.
J. W. King—Secretary.

Christmas At St. John's.

St. John's Church, which lends itself so readily to decoration, never looked more beautiful than Monday. Evergreens and potted plants were appropriately used, and several score of wax candles lighted up the chancel. An elaborate musical programme was well rendered by the choir under Miss Georgie Worth. But better than all, the eloquent Rector delighted his hearers with an uncommonly strong sermon, in which the marvel of the Wonderful Child's influence in the world was strikingly set forth.

A collection was taken up for the Thompson Orphanage.

Not Even These Are Forgotten.

"The way of the transgressor is hard," but human sympathy wells up with the flush of benign Christmas tide even in behalf of those on whom the majesty of the law has laid its heavy hand.

Sheriff Burns, with his big heart, bore in mind the unfortunates in his care Monday, and a bountiful dinner was served in the jail to the prisoners, including turkey, trimmings and other delicacies.

Local Briefs.

More than sixty children were made happy Christmas morning by Colonel and Mrs. W. S. Cook's generous gifts.

The "lull after the storm" was not such a lull with our merchants, as yesterday the streets were full of shoppers, and a fine business was done in all lines.

The brick wall, enclosing the old Cemetery, is in a wretched condition, and the Aldermen will be requested at their meeting to-day to take some steps in the matter.

The members of Remsburg's Orchestra, Messrs. Harry and Edna Sheetz, C. J. Ahearn Joe Barnes and Herbert Atkinson, presented their leader, Mr. E. L. Remsburg, on Christmas morning with an exceedingly handsome baton.

The Plague.

By cable to the Observer.)

Sydney, Australia, December 27th.—The British Consul at Noumea confirms the report that plague of a severe type is raging and many deaths from that cause in New Caledonia. The Government of Australia is strictly quarantining.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrah that contain Mercury,

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces, such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and is made in Toledo Ohio, by F J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

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News of Interest.

The Duke of Westminster, England's richest man, died last night.

J. J. Jefferson, who was convicted of the murder of Capt. Calvin Barnes of Wilson, and sentenced to be hanged, gets a new trial. The Supreme Court yesterday rendered its decision in the case, granting a new trial upon two grounds. The court held that the court below erred in permitting the dying declaration of the deceased to be given as evidence by his son.

Representative Berry, of Kentucky, a member of the River and Harbor Committee, said yesterday that he did not agree with the view of Chairman Burton, of the committee, that there would be no River and Harbor Bill this year. Mr. Berry thinks it most desirable that the bill should be framed at the present long session, and he is of the opinion that the committee will take this view.

Funeral of Moody.

By telegraph to the Observer.

East Northfield, December 23.—The funeral services over the remains of Dwight L. Moody will take place Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Cake Walk Inspires Negro Riot.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, December 26.—During a riot among forty seven negroes on a trolly car at Morrisania, early this morning, one man was fatally shot and two dangerously wounded. It was the result of a cake walk last night. Charles Treasy, who did the shooting, was arrested.

The Maine Victims.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Newport News, December 26.—The bodies of the victims of the battleship Maine were landed this morning with appropriate ceremonies. Appropriately draped, they were accompanied ashore by sailors and marines. The coffins were carried through two lines of war veterans and deposited in baggage cars. Mayor Moss, city officials, Newport News Light Infantry and many associations, marched in procession from the dock to the funeral train. Father Chadwick, who accompanied the bodies from Havana, will continue with them to Washington, where he will preach the funeral sermon.

Senior Class at West Point.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, December 26.—General Miles has recommended that the present senior class at West Point be graduated February 15th, as done last year to fill many vacancies in the army. The report that Corbin has opposed this step is discredited, as he favored it last year and the need is greater than then.

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The Amalfi Disaster.

By cable to the Observer.

Rome, Dec. 23.—The bodies of two persons have been recovered from the landslip at Amalfi and ten injured rescued. The latest report shows that the disaster was not so serious as at first thought. It is impossible yet to ascertain the number of victims, but it is believed that not more than thirty were killed. Most of the visitors had left the city to attend the ceremony at Rome of the opening of the year. Some workmen noticing the masses of stone tumbling, warned the town people. Two English women, who rushed back at the last moment to save their money, were buried in the ruins of the Hotel Santa Casterina.

Escape of Murderer from Portsmouth Jail.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Norfolk, December 26.—Walter Cotton, a negro, confined with three other murderers in Portsmouth jail, sentenced to be hanged January 19th, for the murder of Charles Wyatt, white, escaped at 4:30 this morning. A general alarm has been sent to adjacent States, where bloodhounds will track the murderers. While the death watch was dozing in front of the murderers' cell Cotton quietly unlocked the door, walked past the watch, jumped out of the window, the bars of which were sawed, and escaped. He was originally from North Carolina. It is supposed that he had outside assistance.

Lawton's Body Will Be Sent Home Saturday.

By cable to the Observer.

Manila, December 26.—The funeral of General Lawton will take place on Saturday. His body will be embarked on the Transport Thomas.

Forty School Children Drowned.

By cable to the Observer.

Brussels, December 23.—Over forty school children were drowned by an ice accident at Freligheim, near the French frontier today. Having holiday, with permission to play on the frozen river Lys, and when the merriment was at its height, the ice broke with the children. A few were rescued half drowned, but the majority were drowned. Thirty-six bodies recovered, the others are still missing.

New York Financial Scandal.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, Dec'r 23.—The Grand Jury has decided not to adjourn over the holidays, but will continue to sit and hear evidence presented by counsel of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit against three Wall street bear operators for circulating false rumors about the company. A big scandal is imminent in the financial district. The governing committee of the stock exchange will also investigate.

General Roberts Sails for the Scene of Battle.

By cable to the Observer.

London, December 23rd.—General Lord Roberts sailed for South Africa today on the Dunottar Castle, accompanied by the members of his staff. A large crowd assembled to bid him God speed.

ASTOR AND THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER.

The Pall Mall Gazette, owned by William Waldorf Astor, doesn't mention the death of the Duke of Westminster. Ill feeling grew out of the sale, by the Duke to Mr. Astor, of the Cliveden estate for five million dollars.

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To the Members of the Democratic Executive Committee of Cumberland County:

You are hereby called to meet in Fayetteville at 12 o'clock Friday, January 5th, 1900. Business of importance will come before this meeting. I therefore ask a full attendance and beg every member of the committee to be present.

W. W. HUSKE.
Chairman.

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Home for Christmas.

Others of our "Dispersed Abroad," besides those mentioned elsewhere, who spent Christmas at home are: Mr. John Tillinghast, Mr. Addison Worth, Mr. Marsden Haigh, Mr. Chas. Haigh and Mrs. Utley, from Washington City; Mr. Claud Haigh, from Cronly; Mr. John Mallett, from Leighton, Geogia; Mr. Alvis Huske, from Wilmington, Mr. George Huske, from his railroad engineering at Ashpole.

Splendid Holiday Business.

Without an exception, the merchants of Fayetteville express great satisfaction over their Christmas sales. There has not been such a holiday business here in years. On Saturday afternoon it was sometimes utterly impossible to serve all the customers in waiting, and delivery wagons and messengers were kept going until long after midnight in getting purchases to their destinations.

A Sea Fowl Caught.

Mr. R. A. Jackson, of Flea Hill township, exhibited at the Observer Office today a sea fowl of beautiful plumage, which he captured Christmas morning near his residence. The bird is as large as a drake, has a bill four inches long and is called a Walloon. Sea fowls are rarely known to go astray far in the interior.

A Christmas Of Ye Olden Time.

Not in many years have the people of the historic old town enjoyed a Christmas which combined so many of the features of a festive season of the good old time long past—in its hilarity, its innocent merriment and its abundant good cheer, such as the ancient poet describes in his quaint lines:—

"A man might then behold,
At Christmas in each hall,
Good fires to curb the cold,
And meat for great and small;
The neighbors were friendly bidden,
And all had a welcome time:
The poor from the gates were not chidden
When this old cap was new.

The downpour of rain Saturday night found Christmas buyers still on the pad; and, heavy as the storm was it did not avail to extinguish the pyrotechnics until midnight. Big dinners, family reunions, fox hunting, driving, etc., made up the quiet pleasures of Monday, and, over and above the rich gifts of love and friendship, many an unostentatious contribution gave cheer and warmth to the hearthstones, and brightened the homes of poverty.

It is a blessed season—this day sanctified by God's benison: "Peace on earth; good will to men." In the plaintive words of the little cripple, Tieny Tim, "God bless us, every one."

Christmas.

Christmas time! "That man must be a misanthrope indeed," said the great novelist, "in whose breast something like a jovial feeling is not roused—in whose mind some pleasant associations are not awakened—by the recurrence of Christmas. There are people who will tell you that Christmas is not to them what it used to be; that each succeeding Christmas has found some cherished hope or happy prospect of the year before dimmed or passed away; that the present only serves to remind them of reduced circumstances and straitened incomes—of the feasts they once bestowed on hollow friends, and of the cold looks that meet them now, in adversity and misfortune. Never heed such reminiscences. There are few men who have lived long enough in the world, who cannot call up such thoughts any day in the year. Then do not select the merriest of the three hundred and sixty five for your doleful recollections * *. Reflect upon your present blessings—of which every man has many—not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some."

Now that is a better sermon than we could preach, and it only remains to apply it to ourselves. While some of us may suffer from the increased cost of living without a corresponding offset, we have but to look about us to realize that as a community we are far better off than we have been in years; and this must in some way benefit us all.

Bury then the past, and, turning our faces to the hopeful future, find in the prospect the joy that belongs to all in this Blessed Season!

EDITOR'S AWFUL PLIGHT.

F. M. Higgins, Editor Seneca, (Ills.,) News, was afflicted for years with Piles that no doctor or remedy helped until he tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve. He writes two boxes wholly cured him. It's the surest Pile cure on earth and the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25 cents. Sold by B. E. Sedberry & Sons, druggists.

A Tie at Wilmington.

THE TRIP DOWN THE RIVER.

The Hurt, bearing the Fayetteville football team, which was composed of the following, including subs: MacRae, J. C., MacRae, Cam., McFadyen, A., McFadyen, J., Cromartie, Fetzer, Yoman, Gaster, Watson, E., Watson, P., Sutton, Martin, Lambeth, Managers J. Vance McGougan, John C. Gorham and Bud Rosenthal, and the following rooters: A. R. Williams, Kyle Pemberton, Emmett Pemberton, Wm. Owen, Chas. Goddard, Herbert Thomson, S. H. McKinnon, A. B. Williams, Jr., H. M. Pemberton, J. B. Underwood, Jr., E. J. Pemberton, Geo. McNeill, John D. Williams, A. S. Wightman, Ed. Glover, J. S. McNeill, G. B. Underwood, H. A. Bynum, Tom Bynum, J. C. Pool, Herbert McDonald, Nick Williams, N. H. McGeachy, Jas. Rankin, J. L. Shaw, Sandy Brown, Neill McRacRae, G. A. O'Hanlon, Doug. Hall, S. R. Horne, Jim McRae, Robt. Dye and L. B. Hale, cleared for Wilmington at 10:30 o'clock Sunday night and reached Wilmington at 11:30 Monday morning. The trip was an uneventful one and without incident, except the taking on of a corpse at Elizabethtown, which our more superstitious boys seemed inclined to take as an augury of ill omen, but they were the false prophets in this case.

The boys behaved splendidly, the team especially, who were put to bed a few minutes after leaving the wharf and arrived in Wilmington in fine shape.

FAYETSEVILLE AND WILMINGTON TIE—A BATTLE OF GIANTS.

It was a battle of young giants, the game played on Christmas Day at Hilton Park, Wilmington, between Fayetteville and the city by the sea. Rarely, if ever, have two teams of such magnificent physique, beautiful to the eye and grand in the shock of battle, met for contest on a North Carolina field. Wilmington put forth her utmost strength, and well she did, for the team she had to face was made up of a marvelous aggregation of players who, with a few days' practice, could battle for the honor of the Old North State itself, confident of victory.

The Fayetteville team met together for the first time as a team on the Hurt as she neared Wilmington yesterday morning and were instructed in the mysteries of signals. With not a bit of practice, except a few pass trials in the Orton Hotel rotunda, half an hour before the game, the defenders of the red entered the field against a team that had vanquished several doughty opponents this season.

It began to rain early in the morning and up to three o'clock it looked as if the game would have to be declared off, but at this hour the clouds lifted and the teams started for the grounds, where both red and red and blue met with an equally warm reception as they lined up for the fray. Fayetteville won the toss and kicked off, sending the ball well down into the enemy's territory. From now until the end of the first half, it was almost a contest of "bucking the centre" with a few but unsuccessful attemps to rush the ends by each side. When the first half was up, Wilmington had gained a few yards of the visitors' ground. The second half was very much a repetition of the first, with the exception of a remarkably brilliant dash tor the goal line by Bellamy, and in which Lambeth saved the day by a fine tackle just in the nick of time. It was at this juncture that Fayetteville stock was at a low ebb, and the Wilmington rooters made the welkin ring with all kinds of diabolical noises, from the tin horn to the firing of mounster cannon crackers. Their joy was short lived, however, for the splendid reserve strength of Captain MacRae's team began to assert itself and a steady gain was made by the visitors for the next ten minutes. Then the fortunes of each team varied until time was up, with Wilmington occupying Fayetteville's territory, but with the ball in Fayetteville's possession.

The line up was as follows:

Fayetteville.	Position.	Wilmington.
Martin	l. e.	Latham
Yoman	l. t.	Watson
Felzer	l. g.	Bevage
Watson, E.	c.	Hergenrother
Cromartie	r. g.	Brown
McFadyen, J.	r. t.	Wannamaker
Sutton	r. e.	Brunson
Lambeth	q. b.	McMillan
MacRae, J.	h. b.	Hatch
McRae, Cam.	r. h. b.	Bellamy
McFadyen, A.	l. h. b.	Sinclair

Referee—Wooten.
Umpire—Dr. McGougan.
Linesmen—Southerland and Gaster.
Time-keepers—Pemberton and Jackson.

Meeting of County Democratic Executive Committee.

In another column will be found a card by Chairman W. W. Huske, calling the Democratic Executive Committee to meet in this city on Friday, January 5th at noon. Matters of great importance are to be discussed at this metting and a full attendance of the committee is desired. The committee is composed of the following:

J. W. Hall, Clay Fork; C. P. Jessup, Starsburg; W. J. Smith, Godwin; A. McBuie, J. B. Underwood, Jr., W. B. Holland, H. L. Cook, J. D. McNeill, H. H. Bolton, W. J. Johnson, J. H. Currie, Fayetteville; W. B. Ray, Carlos; B. T. McBryde, Little River Academy; W. C. Fields, Idaho; Alex. Thaggard, Cedar Creek; Josiah Cook, Wade; J. D. Johnson, Alderman; J. A. Wright, Inverness; J. A. Cameron, Endon; A. A. Harrington, Hope Mills; John Smith, Roslin; N. M. D. Clark, Argyle.

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The Foot Ball Boys Arrive Home.

The Hurt, with the Fayetteville foot ball team and those that accompanied them, arrived from Wilmington shortly after five o'clock Tuesday afternoon after a very pleasant voyage.

Wednesday's Star says of the game:

The Fayetteville and Wilmington foot ball teams met on the gridiron at Hilton Park on Christmas afternoon and played a beautiful game from start to finish. Despite the inclement weather a large crowd gathered and throughout the entire game exhibited great interest and enthusiasm.

Neither side scored although Fayetteville's goal was endangered more than once; the home boys at one time having advanced the ball to Fayetteville's 12 yard line. The game was characterized chiefly by punting and line rushing, there being few opportunities for end runs owing to the spectators crowding on the field.

Fayetteville played a strong vigorous game throughout but was unable to withstand the fierce rushes of Bellamy, Sinclair and Hatch.

For Fayetteville, MacRae, J. and Martin played the best game, the rushing of the former and the tackling of the latter being particularly noticeable. With the exception of a little slugging in the first half, the game was clean and honest. The Fayetteville boys are a jolly good crowd and put up a clean game. They are all gentlemen and Wilmington hopes to meet them again.

The Women's Monument.

Chairman A. B. Stronach, of the Women's Monument Association, of Raleigh, desires the names of three Confederate Veterans of Cumberland County who will interest themselves in the building of a memorial to the Women of the Confederacy. Veterans who may be willing to undertake this pious work will please send their names to the OBSERVER or to the Commander of Camp 852, U. C. V., Fayetteville.

The Boers Took the English Guns and the Guard.

By cable to the Observer.

Durban, Dec. 23.—A dispatch from the English camp at Chieveley definitely shows that the Boers took away all the guns abandoned by Buller on the river bank in the Tugela engagement. Late in the afternoon of the 15th while the British gunners were lying under cover, a party of Boers crossed the river and surrounded the guns, which had been dragged to a hollow for safety. The Boer force, which largely outnumbered the British, told the latter they must surrender or be shot down. Nevertheless a number of British escaped The Boers crossed the river with the guns and prisoners.

THE TUGELA ARMY.

Chiveley Camp, Dec'r 23.—The British army is occupying its original camping ground. The naval brigade this morning fired a few shells at the Boer positions, but the result is unknown. The fire is taken to show that the naval guns are able to command the Tugela River.

HOLLAND'S POSITION.

Antwerp, Dec'r 23.—The Burgomaster of Rotterdam refuses to allow the Transvaal play produced, as it will be insulting the English. The Government has instructed the Burgomaster to suppress anti-English demonstrations. It has also prohibited the formation of volunteer corps for the Boers and refused to allow army officers to join the army of the South African Republic.

Methuen Well Entrenched—Boers Believed to Be Using Buller's Captured Guns Against Ladysmith.

By cable to the Observer.

London, December 26.—The War office has received the following from General Forestier-Walker, dated Cape Town, 25th: There is no change at Modder River; Methuen is well entrenched; the enemy does not disturb him. General Gatacre reports that Colonel Dalgetty, with a hundred and fifty of the Natal police, has occupied Dordreicht. The Boers retreated. There were no losses.

A Cape Town despetch says that several correspondents have returned from Modder River, apparently confirming the belief that an immediate advance by the British is projected.

BELIEVED THAT BOERS ARE SHIFTING THEIR POSITION IN BULLER'S FRONT.

Chieveley Camp, December 26.—The British Artillery today bombarded the Boer trenches along the North bank of the Tugela. The Boers did not reply, and it is believed that they are shifting their position.

Ladysmith, December 26.—The Boers heavily cannonaded today. One of the garrison was killed and two wounded. From the unfamiliar bark of naval guns, heard for the first time against the British, made by these guns, it is believed that they are the ones captured from General Buller last Friday.

METHUEN IS AGGRESSIVE AT MODDER RIVER.

Modder River, December 26.—The Naval Brigade got the range of all the Boer tranches today, stopping work on them in the day time.

ROUTINE LIFE ON THE MODDER.

All permits to pass pickets have been cancelled. A market on the spot for milk, butter and vegetables, has been established on the fourth line of pickets. Here licensed farmers are allowed to sell their produce from six to nine o'clock in the morning. The authorities have fixed the tariff on each article.

LONG AND HALFORD BETTER.

Petermaritzburg, December 19.—A correspondent visited the Hospital today situated on the high ground above the town. Colonel Long and Major Halford are doing well, though they are dangerously wounded. No bullet has been extracted from Long's body, and it is thought that it passed clear through. There is reasonable hope for Long's recovery.

The destruction of Colenzo Bridge is necessary to prevent the Boers from bringing their artillery across the Tugela River. Messages from the front now take nine days for transmission.

Pretoria, December 26.—Joubert has recovered and resumed command of the Boer forces.

Bryan Hunting Panthers.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Autin, December 27th.—Mr. W. J. Bryan and ex Governor Hogg, accompanied by forty local sportsmen started this morning for the mountains on a big panther hunt. The den has been located in a deep ravine, and a bunch of fifty hounds have been secured for use.

Mr. J. Sheer, Sedalia, Mo., saved his child's life by One Minute Cough Cure. Doctors had given her up to die with croup. It's an infallible cure for coughs, colds, grippe, pneumonia, bronchitis and throat and lung troubles. Relieves at once. King Bros.

A Big Boer Plot Unearthed at Cape Town.

The British Situation at Front Unchanged.

Kitchener Joins Roberts at Gibralter.

Churchill Tells of His Escape—Boers Use Sjambox—British To Impress Two More Famous Steamers—Gen. Roberts' Ultimatum Granted—A Woman Hanged.

France's President.

By cable to the Observer

Paris, December 27th.—Le Gaulois prints a rumor that President Loubert will resign.

Shelling English Camp.

By cable to the Observer.

Modder River, December 21st.—The Boers advanced with a twelve pounder and shelled the British camp this morning. The shells fell seven hundred yards short.

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Gibraltar, December 27.—The British steamer Dunottar Castle with Gen. Lord Roberts, arrived last evening. Gen. Kitchener soon after embarked to join Roberts and the vessel sailed for Cape Town.

Yale Boat House Burned.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Cambridge, Mass., December 27th.—The new University boat house on the Boston side of the Charles River, just completed was burned this morning and almost totally destroyed. It was the property of the University and designed for the use of all students.

Two Famous Ships for Warships.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, December 27.—British Government representativas have taken measurements of the Cunard liner Campania and find that she will carry three thousand troops. It is probable that the Campania, and her sister ship Lucania, will be taken as transports.

English Situation Unchanged.

By cable to the Observer.

London, December 27.—The war office has received a Capetown despatch, dated the 26th, stating that there was no change in the situation General Methuen expects that the enemy's force will be increased and is engaged in entrenching three and a half miles from his outlying pickets. The Queen's Christmas message was received with enthusiasm. General Gatacre is endeavoring to reopen communication.

CHURCHILL TELLS OF HIS ESCAPE.

The story of Winston Churchill's escape from Pretoria is told in the Post. He says he climbed from the prison wall when the sentries' backs were turned. After passing pickets on the track of the Delagoa Bay railroad he jumped on a goods train at midnight. He hid in the woods for five days. He laid up in the day time and walked all night, living chiefly on a small store of chocolate. On the sixth day he managed to board a train at Middleburg and reached Delagoa Bay very weak. The Boers searched the train at Komatimpoorty but didn't discover him.

RESENTMENT OF THE FREE STATE BOERS.

A despatch from Modder River of the 20th gives details of the resentment of the Free State Boers at Commandant Cronje for assuming absolute control of the Boer forces. It says that the Free Staters allege that Commandant Delarey conceives the strategy and encounter and Commandant Cronje, with the aid of sjambocks, carries it out. The use of sjamboks is undoubted. One Boer asked an English doctor if much sjamboking was necessary among the British also. Sjambok is a thick hippopotamus hide used for the ox teams.

R'BERTS' ULTIMATUM.

The story is now current that General Roberts wouldn't go to South Africa unless he had absolute and supreme command and received no instructions from home. After a discussion lasting hours the war office officials agreed to his ultimatum.

A Woman Hanged in Massachusetts.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Brandon, Mass., Dec'er 27.—Daily Hilda Blake, a domestic servant, was hanged here this morning for the murder of Mrs. Lane, her mistress. The drop fell at 8:40. The execution was private, only a few obtaining the privilege of witnessing it.

Boers Recruiting In Damara Land.

By cable to the Observer:

Berlin, December 27.—The German authorities in Damara land West African coast, have stopped Boer recruiting in that colony which they discovered had been going on quietly for some time. All persons suspected of intention of joining the Boers have been forbidden to cross the border.

A Big Plot at Cape Town.

By cable to the Observer.

Cape Town, December 27.—Several arrests are expected here in connection with the plot to seize the Cape Town fort and explode the magazines during the Christmas festivities. The plot had wide ramifications and was unearthed in the nick of time. The disloyalists had also intended to seize General Forester-Walker and the Governor, Sir Alfred Milner. The affair has caused much excitement.

Big Failures Still Continue in Boston.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Boston, December 27th.—Edward C. Hodges & Co., Bankers and Brokers, suspended today. The firm is one of the largest in city and dealt principally in municipal bonds.

REWARD.

Ten Dollars Reward will be paid to any one who can supply evidence that will convict the person or persons who wilfully destroyed our straw stack Monday evening.

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" —ham	11½a13
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" —shoulders—	9
Oats—32 lbs per bushel	45
Peas—clay	60
" —mixed	60
" —white,	75
Meal—bolted—46 lbs per bushel	52½@55
" —unbolted—48 lbs per bushel	50@55
Corn—old—56 lbs per bushel	50
Onions—select—per bushel	90
Lard—N. C.	8@9
Tallow	4
Ducks	20@25
Hens—per head	22½@25
Roosters—per head	18 a 20
Turkeys—per lb	7½a8
Guineas	none
Geese	25 a 30
Country Butter	25
Hams	12a13
Honey—strained—per lb	8c
Eggs,	15 a16
Feathers—new	35 a 40
Potatoes—Irish—new	80a100
Potatoes—Sweet—new	35a40
Pork	5@6

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'Phone 42.

Dissolution of Copartnership.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing under firm name of E. J. House & Co., doing business at Wade N. C., has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. H. A. McPhail alone is authorized to settle the old business of the firm.

December 19th, 1899.

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Lieut. Williams Home From Cuba — To Be Married on 28th.

Lieut. Alex. Williams, U. S. A., son of our countyman, State Senator W. L. Williams, who is with the troops stationed at Ceinfugos, Cuba, and who fought in the Santiago campaign, arrived home Tuesday to spend Christmas. He looks remarkably well, and shows no effects of the fever which he contracted in Cuba during his first stay, and which brought him home on a long furlough.

On the 28 inst., Lieut. Williams is to be married to Miss Janie McBryde, daughter of the late Rev. D. D. Mc Bryde, of Little River Academy, at Davidson, where the bride is making her home for the present. Lieut. Williams will take his bride to Cuba with him about the middle of next month.

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For the Deepening of the Cape Fear.

Not a stone should be left unturned until the Government properly recognizes the upper Cape Fear in a substantial manner. It is one of the principal water high-ways of the South, and, while streams of less importance receive large appropriations from the Government, this river has been too long neglected.

Fayetteville and Wilmington Chambers of Commerce have been working to this end and with good prospects of success. We are sure that there must be some mistake in the following account of the action of the Chamber of Commerce taken from Friday morning's Star. It seems absurd that a proper channel cannot be made from here to Wilmington:

Another matter was the recent communication of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce asking the co-operation of this body in securing an increased appropriation to improve the navigation of the river between Fayetteville and Wilmington. He stated that Capt. Chas. Humphreys, of the United States' engineer corps, informed him that $142,000 had been expended on the upper Cape Fear, and it was the opinion of the engineers that too radical an improvement of the river by dredging and removing logs would result in running all the water out in a channel that would be too shallow for navigation.

On motion, the president was authorized to send a letter to the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce explaining the conditions and enclosing the written opinion of the engineers on the question.

Property Identified.

The three pistols, which were found on the person of the white tramp, E. S. Robertson, arrested by officer Benton Monday night at the Gas Works, have been identified as the property of A. C. L. section hands.

The old C. F. & Y. V. wooden office building, where these hands make their headquarters, was broken into Monday night and three pistols stolen. This morning Geo. Williams recognized one of the pistols taken from Robertson as his property, and the other two as those stolen from his comrades.

Besides the articles heretofore described as being found on Robertson's person, the police have a large untanned leather pocket book which they took from him, on which a partly obliterated name and address is written. William and Chartotte, N. C., is all that can be read.

The Next Oldest Citizen.

The oldest citizen in this section, says the Lumber Bridge News, so far as is known, is ex-sheriff Hector McNeill, whose age all know. The next oldest is Mrs. Christiana McMillan, the mother of D. A. and M. McMillan and sister of Mr. Peter Monroe. She will be 88 years old the 2d day of next March.

Mrs. R. Churchill, Berlin, Vt., says, "Our baby was covered with running sores. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured her." A specific for piles and skin diseases. Beware of worthless counterfeits. King Bros.

As a cure for rheumatism Chamberlain's Pain Balm is gaining a wide reputation. D. B. Johnston of Richmond, Ind., has been troubled with that ailment since 1862. In speaking of it he says: "I never found anything that would relieve me until I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It acts like magic with me. My foot was swollen and paining me very much, but one good application of Pain Balm relieved me. For sale by B. E. Sedberry & Sons.

Worth More than Islands.

Washington correspondence Atlanta Constitution.

"One man like Lawton is worth more than the whole damned archipelago" was the way Senator Tillman sized up the news from the Philippines in regulation Tillman fashion, and that is very much the sentiment of Washington, with the possible exception of the Carolinian's adjective. The news of the gallant Lawton's death has brought the Philippine war home closer to the capital than any previous news has. Lawton was the idol of the army, and in the popular mind he was the man upon whom reliance was put for the early ending of the troubles out there. As modest as a child, he was a perfect fiend on the battlefield—the embodiment of personal recklessness. It was this quality that won the worship of the men under him. Time and again have his associates wondered that he escaped death. Recent letters from officers out there have commented on Lawton's reckless bravery and have voiced their wonder at his escape.

United States Gun Boat Seizes a British Steamer.

By cable to the Observer.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 21.—The United States gun boat Castine has seized the British steamer Labaun and sent her to Manila with a prize crew. She is supposed to have tried to run the blockade in the Philippines.

London Startled This Morning—Buller Retreats Five Miles.

By cable to the Observer.

London, December 21.—This city was startled this morning by a despatch from Chively camp saying that on Sunday Buller's army had retreated five miles from its position in front of the Boers. This retrograde movement in itself would not have caused serious alarm, as it would be considered a natural precautionary measure for Buller to take under the circumstances, but the despatch adds, that two brigades were sent back to Frere in order to frustrade any possible attempt by the Boers on the flank and to attempt to bring off the disabled guns left near the river bank on the British right.

CONAN DOYLE VOLUNTEERS.

Conan Doyle, the novelist, has volunteered for service in South Africa.

ENGLAND CHARTERS MORE SHIPS.

The steamships Parisia, Laurentien and Pomeranian have been chartered to convey the Second Canadian contingent to the Cape.

Liverpool, December 21.—The Cunard liner Umbria has been chartered for transport service to South Africa.

GENERAL ROBERTS HOLDS A COUNCIL OF WAR.

Field Marshal, Lord Roberts, held a special military council of war at the war office today. He strongly urged that a large contingent of natives and Indian cavalry be sent to South Africa against the Boers. In his judgment they'd prove an inestimable service for the guerrilla tactics necessary to cope with the Boer's mode of warefare. As a result of his insistence the Indian secretary, Lord Hamilton, cabled to Viceroy Lord Curzon to learn how many squadrons he has available for war service, and how soon they could be landed in South Africa.

The Great Moody Dead.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Northfield, Mass., December 22.—Dwight L. Moody passed away quietly today. The members of his household surrounded the bedside.

General Yule Insane—Saved British Army but Loses his Reason.

By cable to the Observer.

London, December 22nd.—General Yule, who led the British forces in the retreat from Glencoe to Ladysmith is insane. He was sent home from Ladysmith a wreck. He saved his army but lost his reason. It is reported that he was smuggled out of Ladysmith and invalided home. He is a broken man.

How the British Guns were Lost.

By cable to the Observer.

Chiveley Camp, December 16.—This is the story of the loss of the British guns. The gunners ran short of ammunition and were ordered to take to cover while awaiting reinforcements and ammunition. They had no idea of abandoning the guns, which had not been disabled, but they were ordered to retire; this they did, carrying their wounded with them. Owing to bad light it was impossible to see the Boers and furthermore they used smokeless powder making it impossible to locate their position. The British advance was effected with trifling loss, the heaviest loss occurring while retiring. The artillerymen were reluctant to do this, but the officers had ordered them back.

A Great Tribute to Lawton.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, December 22.—Flags on Governors Island, Fort Hamilton and all the military posts in the country are at half mast today as a tribute of respect to the late General Lawton. His funeral will be at Manila today. In accordance with the order of the war department thirteen guns were fired at every post and station, and all officers donned the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

By cable to the Observer.

LAWTON'S FUNERAL.

Manila, December 22.—General Lawton's remains were placed in the chapel at Paco cemetery this morning. The private services were held at the residence and the body was carried to the cemetery by the members of the General's staff and escorted by Troop I, Fourth cavalry.

A Thousand Tongues

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard St., Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Cure—"it soon removed the pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the Universe." So will every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the Throat, Chest or Lungs. Price 50c. and $1.00. Trial bottles free at B. E. Sedberry & Son's Drug Store; every bottle guaranteed.

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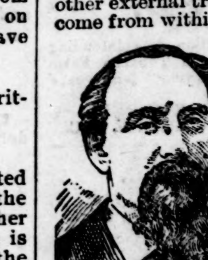
A SMALL SPOT MAY BE CANCER.

MOST VIOLENT CASES HAVE APPEARED AT FIRST AS MERE PIMPLES.

The greatest care should be given to any little sore, pimple or scratch which shows no disposition to heal under ordinary treatment. No one can tell how soon these will develop into Cancer of the worst type. So many people die from Cancer simply because they do not know just what the disease is; they naturally turn themselves over to the doctors, and are forced to submit to a cruel and dangerous operation—the only treatment which the doctors know for Cancer. The disease promptly returns, however, and is even more violent and destructive than before. Cancer is a deadly poison in the blood, and an operation, plaster, or other external treatment can have no effect whatever upon it. The cure must come from within—the last vestige of poison must be eradicated.



Mr. Wm. Walpole, of Walshtown, S. D., says: "A little blotch about the size of a pea came under my left eye, gradually growing larger, from which shooting pains at intervals ran in all directions. I became greatly alarmed and consulted a good doctor, who pronounced it Cancer, and advised that it be cut out, but this I could not consent to. I read in my local paper of a cure effected by S. S. S., and decided to try it. It acted like a charm, the Cancer becoming at first irritated, and then discharging very freely. This gradually grew less and then discontinued altogether, leaving a small scab which soon dropped off, and now only a healthy little scar remains where what threatened to destroy my life once held full sway." Positively the only cure for Cancer is Swift's Specific—

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The Duty of the Opposition.

Baltimore Sun.

In whatever hands the administration of the government may be placed, there is need for a powerful, active and vigilant opposition to act as a constant check and restraint upon the party in power. This truth has never been more forcibly and strikingly illustrated than during the Administration of Mr. McKinley. In the last Congress the Democratic minority was weak, demoralized and hopelessly ineffective. The result was that the Administration rode rough shod and ran riot over all the traditions of the past and the principles of the Constitution. The declaration of war against Spain was made the signal for letting down the bars and opening wide the floodgates. Under the specious plea that it was the duty of men of all parties to stand behind the President in time of war, Mr. McKinley was given free hand to do as he pleased. The power of the purse and the sword which the wise jealousy of our forefathers had lodged in the hands of Congress was surrendered without scruple into the hands of the President. When war with Spain seemed to be inevitable Mr. McKinley went through the form of consulting Congress, and easily obtained from that body an indorsement of his action in provoking hostilities, coupled, however, with a definitive and a limitation of the purposes of the United States in going to war, which Mr. McKinley has since treated with supreme contempt. Congress declared that in going to war we had no purpose or intention of gratifying a lust for conquest or territorial acquisition. Mr. McKinley refused to make peace except upon the condition that Spain should cede to us Puerto Rico, in the West Indies, and a vast archipelago in the Far East. When it came to making war upon the Filipinos the President did not think it worth while to consult Congress, although in session. * * *

There never was an Administration so vulnerable to criticism and attack as that of Mr. McKinley. There never was a President who has been guilty of so many indefensible acts as Mr. McKinley. It is the duty of the Opposition to arraign this Administration at the bar of the People. The people need to be enlightened in regard to a thousand things which have been concealed, or in regard to which the truth has not been told. There is light to be let in a thousand dark places which Mr. McKinley and his advisers would like to keep dark. Take the single item of expenditures. The Constitution says (Art. I, Sec. 9, clause 6): "No money shall be drawn from the Treasury but in consequence of appropriations made by law, and a regular statement and account of the receipts and expenditures *of all public money* shall be published from time to time." What a field for investigation and inquiry is here presented! Will anybody pretend to say that this plain requirement of the Constitution has been faithfully complied with since the beginning of the Spanish War, or in regard to receipts and expenditures in Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines? The duty of the Opposition in the present Congress is plain, although the labor entailed may surpass the cleaning of the Augean stable.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters;' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cts. a bottle at B. E. Sedberry & Son's drug store.

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Criminal Court

of Cumberland County.

January 1st, 1900, being a legal holiday, the Criminal Court of Cumberland County will not convene for business until TUESDAY, January 2nd, 1900. Defendants, witnesses and jurors will take notice and not attend before that date.

By order of His Honor DOSSEY BATTLE, Judge.
A. A. McKETHAN,
Clerk Superior Court,
Cumberland County.
Fayetteville, N. C., December 21, 1899.

Notice of Sale Under Mortgage.

By virtue of the power and authority given by a certain deed of mortgage, executed by D. G. McLellan, Executor, which is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Cumberland County, in Book D, No. 5, page 560, the following property will be exposed to sale by public auction, viz:

The pieces or parcels of land known as the estate of the late Jerry Dawson, it lying and being in Black River township and on both sides of the Wilson and Fayetteville R. R., and joining the lands of J. A. Wade, Gray Culbreth, John R. Tew and others containing one hundred and thirty acres more or less.

Place of sale: Market House, Fayetteville, N. C.

Time of sale: Tuesday, January 16th, 1900, 12 M.

Terms of sale: Cash.

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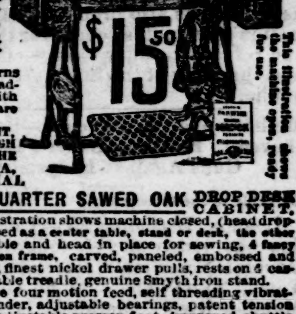

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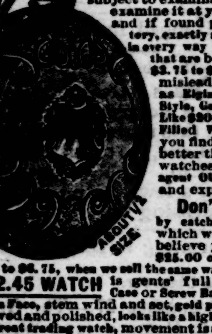

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Land Sale for Taxes.

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Monday, January 1st, 1900,

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Holliday, Eliza, Cross Creek, imp Russell street,	$13 30
Cotton, Marg't, Cross Creek, 1898 tax, imp Moore st., 1 lot '95 tax,	1 45
Moore, Caroline, Cross Creek, vac't King street,	1 85
Currie, J. C., Quewhiffle, 413 acres Drowning Creek, 1896, '97 and 98 tax,	53 31
Jernigan, A. M., Quewhiffle, 725 ac's,	9 05
Jernigan, Mrs. S. C., Quewhiffle, 140 acres,	4 16
Gainey, Dan, Cedar C'k, 27 ac's, res.,	4 09
Gillis, M. A., Quewhiffle, 100 acres Rockfish,	5 71
Shaw, Duncan, estate, 71st, 1896 tax, 335 acres, residence,	14 50
Smith, John R., Gray's Creek, 800 acres, residence, 128 acres Williamson land, 1896 tax,	20 00
Batley, J. S., Rockfish, 323 acres McKinnon land, 1895 tax,	4 30
Williams, Henry, Black River, 45 acres, residence,	1 64
Cook, W. S., ag't, Rockfish, 180 ac's Sandy Johnson, 1896 and '98,	5 70
Cook, W. S., for Mrs. Johnson, 180 acres Sand Hill, fence tax,	1 70
McLean, D. N., res Haymount, 1897 and '98 fence tax,	4 30
Williford, W. D., Black River, 67 acres residence, 1898 tax,	6 17
Primus Gilmore, Cross Creek, 2 ac's Little Cross Creek,	2 40
Muse, M. P., imp'd Rowan st, Cross Creek, 1895,	6 30
Murphy, J. A., Flea Hill, 53 acres, res, 1896 tax,	7 00
Huske, W. W., guardian, 71st, 1898 tax, 1500 acres homestead tract, 250 acres Juniper, 388 acres, Lower Little River,	29 72

NORTH CAROLINA, Cumberland County. } In the Superior Court before A. A. McKethan C. S. Court.

Mary B. Thames et al. vs. S. B. Culbreth, Sarah Spearman, Alice Spearman et al.

The defendants, Sarah Spearman and Alice Spearman above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cumberland County, before the Clerk, for a partition for the sale of the lands of the late Edward Spearman and wife, Mary E. Spearman, among their several heirs as their respective interest may show, the said lands situate in Gray's Creek Township, said county and State, and known as the Edward Spearman home place; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of said county and State, at his office in the city of Fayetteville at 12 o'clock M., on the 6th day of February, 1900, and answer or demur to the petition of the Plaintiffs in said action, or the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in their petition.

This December 22, 1899.

A. A. McKETHAN,
Clerk of the Superior Court.

NORTH CAROLINA, Cumberland Co. } In Superior Court Before the Clerk.

Elizabeth P. Smith vs. Edward Smith, Jas. Smith, Frank H. Smith, Chalmers Smith, Herbert Smith, Wright Smith, Maud Smith, Josephine Plummer and Husband, Willie Kirkpatrick and husband and others.

The defendants above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cumberland county, based upon the petition of the plaintiff to have dower allotted her in the lands of her late husband, W. D. Smith, deceased; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cumberland county on the 18th day of January, 1900, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, or the relief therein demanded will be granted.

This 11th day of December, 1899.

A. A. McKETHAN, C. S. C.
Cumberland county.

NORTH CAROLINA, Cumberland County. } In the Superior Court Before the Clerk.

G. A. Thomson, Administrator of Chas. Maxwell, *versus* Theodore Blocker, Edward Blocker, Wm. Blocker, Alex. Blocker, Chas. Moore, Fred Moore, Haywood Moore Ellen Moore, Mary Moore, Lula Moore, Mary Gill *et al.*, heirs-at law of Chas Maxwell, deceased.

The defendants above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cumberland County, by an administrator against the heirs of his intestate, in which it is sought to sell lands to make assets; and the said defendants will take further notice, that they are required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cumberland County on the 3 at day of January, 1900, at the Court House in said county, in Fayetteville, N. C., at 12 o'clock noon, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 18th day of December, 1899.

A. A. McKETHAN,
S. H MacRae, Att'y. Clerk Superior Court.

NORTH CAROLINA, Cumberland County. } In the Superior Court.

John Hall vs. Nora Hall. } Notice of action.

The defendant will take notice:

That the plaintiff has commenced an action against her for divorce from the bonds of matrimony, according to the demands of his complaint this day filed.

The defendant is commanded to appear at the next term of the Superior Court to be held for the County of Cumberland, at the Court House in Fayetteville, N. C., on the 2nd Monday before the first Monday in March, 1900, and plead, answer or demur to the complaint, or judgment will be had against her for the relief demanded therein.

Witness my hand and seal this 5th December, 1899. A. A. McKETHAN, Clerk S. C.

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NORTH CAROLINA, Cumberland County. } In the Superior Court.

Marian A. Williams vs. Joseph A. Williams. } Notice.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cumberland County, the purpose of the same being to obtain a dissolution of the bonds of matrimony existing between the plaintiff and defendant; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of said county, to be held on the second Monday before the first Monday in March 1900, at the Court House in Fayetteville, N. C., in said county, and answer or demur to the complaint filed in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein

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DANIEL McKETHAN,
Administrator of Cynthia A. McKethan,
Raeford, N. C.
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Administratrix Notice.

Having this day duly qualified as administratrix of the estate of Needham F. Holmes, deceased, I hereby notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to me, duly authenticated, on or before the 13th day of December, 1900.

This 13th day of December 1899.

EDITH A. HOLMES,
Z. B. Newton, Administratrix.
Attorney.

Administratrix Notice.

Having this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of Flora A. McPherson, deceased, I hereby notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to me, duly authenticated, on or before the 22nd day of November, 1900, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are notified to come forward and make immediate settlement.

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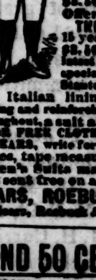

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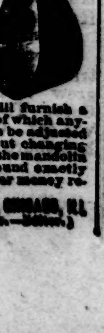

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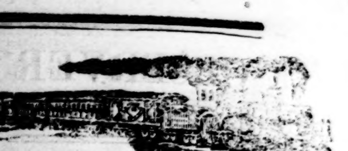

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CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

DATED Nov. 19, 1899.	No. 23, Daily.	No. 35, Daily.	No. 103, D'ly ex. Sunday	No. 41, Daily.	No. 49, Daily
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Leave Weldon	11 50	8 58			
Ar Rocky Mt.	12 55	10 04			
Leave Tarboro	12 21		6 00		
Lv Rocky Mt.	1 00	10 04		5 45	12 52
Leave Wilson	1 58	10 25		6 20	2 40
Leave Selma	2 55				
Lv Fayetteville	4 30	12 19			
Ar Florence	7 25	2 34			
	P. M.	A. M.			
Ar Goldsboro	......	......	7 50	......	......
Lv Goldsboro	......	......		7 01	3 21
Lv Magnolia	......	......		8 09	4 25
Ar Wilmington	......	......		9 40	5 50
			P. M.	A. M.	P. M.

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

	No 78 Daily.	No. 102, D'ly ex. Sunday.	No 32, Daily.	No 40 Daily.	No 48 Daily
	A. M.		P. M.		
Lv Florence	9 40		7 45		
Lv Fayetteville	12 20		9 45		
Leave Selma	1 50		10 54		
Arrive Wilson	2 55		11 31		
		A. M.		P. M.	A. M.
Lv Wilmington				7 00	9 45
Lv Magnolia				8 34	11 19
Lv Goldsboro		5 15		9 45	12 30
	P. M.		A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Leave Wilson	2 35	5 43	11 31	10 38	1 16
Ar Rocky Mt.	3 30	6 15	12 07	11 35	1 53
Ar Tarboro		7 04			
Leave Tarboro	12 21				
Lv Rocky Mt.	3 30		12 09		
Arrive Weldon	4 32		1 00		
	P. M.		A. M.	P. M.	

†Daily except Monday. ‡Daily except Sunday.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Yadkin Division Main Line—train leaves Wilmington, 9 00 a. m, arrives Fayetteville 12.15 p. m. Leaves Fayetteville 12.25 p. m, arrives Sanford 1.43 p. m. Returning leave Sanford 2.30 p m, arrive Fayetteville 3.45 p. m. Leave Fayetteville 3.50 p. m, arrive Wilmingtom 6.50 p. m.

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Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro daily except Sunday, 7:05 A. M., arriving Smithfield 8:10 A. M. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9:00 A. M.; arrive Goldsboro 10:25 A. M.

Trains on Nashville Branch leave Rocky Mount at 9:30 A. M., 3:40 P. M., arrive Nashville 10:10 A. M., 4:03 P. M., Spring Hope 10:40 A. M., 4:55 P. M. Returning, leave Spring Hope 11:00 A. M., 4:55 P. M., Nashville 11:22 A. M., 5:25 P. M., arrive Rocky Mount 11:45 A. M., 6:00 P. M., daily except Sunday.

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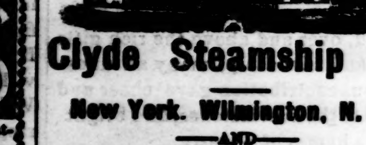

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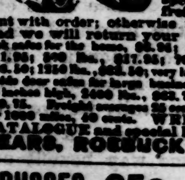

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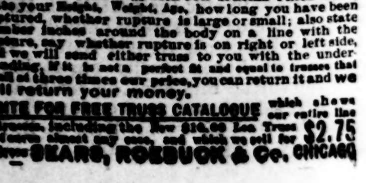

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